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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The sixty-second session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at United Nations Headquarters from 23 March to 9 April 1998. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 23 March 1998 at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the sixty-second session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the Committee's rules of procedure the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 5 which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the sixty-second session. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of States parties may be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

5. At its sixty-first session, the Committee decided that working groups, established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its sixty-second session. The working groups are scheduled to meet at United Nations Headquarters from 16 to 20 March 1998.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters.

3. Action by the General Assembly at its fifty-second session:

   (a) Annual report submitted by the Human Rights Committee under article 45 of the Covenant;

   (b) Effective implementation of United Nations instruments on human rights and effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to such instruments.

4. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

5. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

6. General comments of the Committee.

7. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

8. Follow-up on views adopted pursuant to article 5, paragraph 4, of the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

9. Future meetings of the Committee.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the adoption of the agenda of any session shall follow the election of officers when required under rule 17. In accordance with rule 9, during a session, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session. In this connection, it may be noted that the Committee decided at its sixty-first session to set up, in addition to the pre-sessional working group on communications, a working group under article 40 of the Covenant to prepare concise lists of issues concerning reports scheduled for consideration at the sixty-second session and to consider any draft general comment that may be put before it. Additionally, two intersessional working groups have been established to deal with working methods under article 40 (established at the sixtieth session) and the Commission on Human Rights resolution 1997/21 (established at the sixty-first session), respectively; their recommendations will be considered by the Committee at its sixty-second session. Under this item, the Committee will also discuss the report of the eighth meeting of persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies (A/52/507).

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(a) Annual report submitted by the Human Rights Committee under article 45 of the Covenant;

(b) Effective implementation of United Nations instruments on human rights and effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to such instruments.

A note indicating matters raised in the course of the discussion of these issues together with the relevant General Assembly resolutions will be circulated to members of the Committee.

4. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A. Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its sixty-second session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 5 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties:

Initial reports

State party	Symbol	Date due	Date received
Armenia	CCPR/C/92/Add.2	1994	14 July 1997

Second periodic reports

Republic of Korea	CCPR/C/114/Add.1	1996	2 October 1997

Third periodic reports

Iceland	CCPR/C/94/Add.2	1994	23 March 1995
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	CCPR/C/102/Add.1	1995	29 November 1995
Belgium	CCPR/C/94/Add.3	1994	21 August 1996
United Republic of Tanzania	CCPR/C/83/Add.2	1993	6 February 1997
Cameroon	CCPR/C/102/Add.2	1995	6 March 1997
Austria	CCPR/C/83/Add.3	1993	22 April 1997

Fourth periodic reports

Finland	CCPR/C/95/Add.6	1994	10 August 1995
Romania	CCPR/C/95/Add.7	1994	26 April 1996
Poland	CCPR/C/95/Add.8	1994	7 May 1996
Italy	CCPR/C/103/Add.4	1995	30 October 1996
Morocco	CCPR/C/115/Add.1	1996	27 January 1997
Norway	CCPR/C/115/Add.1	1996	4 February 1997
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Man)	CCPR/C/95/Add.10	1994	12 February 1997
Canada	CCPR/C/103/Add.5	1995	4 April 1997
Japan	CCPR/C/115/Add.3	1996	16 June 1997
Mexico	CCPR/C/123/Add.1	1997	30 June 1997
Chile	CCPR/C/95/Add.11	1994	6 October 1997

B. Reports due

The situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant is as follows:

States parties whose reports were due by the closing date of the sixty-first session (7 November 1997) but have not yet been received

INITIAL REPORTS

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Equatorial Guinea	24 December 1988	15
Somalia	23 April 1991	10
Croatia	7 October 1992	6
Grenada	5 December 1992	5
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	16 September 1992	3
Israel	2 January 1993	7
Albania	3 January 1993	7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 March 1993	3
Angola 1/	9 April 1993	3
Benin	11 June 1993	5
Côte d'Ivoire	25 June 1993	4
Seychelles	4 August 1993	5
Cambodia	25 August 1993	3
Lesotho	8 December 1993	2
Czech Republic	31 December 1993	3
Republic of Moldova	25 April 1994	4
Ethiopia	10 September 1994	4
Dominica	16 September 1994	4
Mozambique	20 October 1994	4
Cape Verde	5 November 1994	2
Malawi	21 March 1995	3
Kyrgyzstan	6 January 1996	1
Namibia	27 February 1996	1
Chad	8 September 1996	1
Uganda	20 September 1996	1
Kuwait	20 August 1997	
Belize	9 September 1997	

SECOND PERIODIC REPORTS

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Syrian Arab Republic	18 August 1984	25
Gambia	21 June 1985	23
Suriname	2 August 1985	22
Kenya	11 April 1986	21
Mali	11 April 1986	21
Guyana	10 April 1987	19
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	13 December 1987	17
Central African Republic	9 April 1989	14
Viet Nam	31 July 1991	9
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	31 October 1991	10
San Marino	17 January 1992	9
Philippines	22 January 1993	7
Equatorial Guinea 2/	24 December 1993	5
Niger	31 March 1994	5
Algeria	11 December 1995	1
Ireland	7 March 1996	1
Somalia 2/	23 April 1996	1
Burundi	8 August 1996	1
Haiti	5 May 1997	
Slovenia	24 June 1997	
Zimbabwe	12 August 1997	
Nepal	13 August 1997	
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	6 September 1997	
Croatia	7 October 1997	

THIRD PERIODIC REPORTS

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Syrian Arab Republic 3/	18 August 1989	14
Trinidad and Tobago	20 March 1990	13
Gambia 3/	21 June 1990	12
Suriname 3/	2 August 1990	12
Barbados	11 April 1991	11
Kenya 3/	11 April 1991	11
Mali 3/	11 April 1991	11
Nicaragua	11 June 1991	10
Zaire	31 July 1991	9
Jamaica	1 August 1991	-
Australia	12 November 1991	9
Panama	31 March 1992	9
Guyana 3/	10 April 1992	9
Rwanda 1/	10 April 1992	3
Madagascar	31 July 1992	8
Central African 3/	7 August 1992	8
Democratic People's Republic of Korea 3/	13 December 1992	7
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 3/	8 February 1993	7
Viet Nam 3/	23 December 1993	1
Venezuela	31 December 1993	5
Afghanistan	23 April 1994	-
Luxembourg	17 November 1994	3
Bulgaria	31 December 1994	3
Egypt	31 December 1994	3
Guinea	31 December 1994	3
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	31 December 1994	3
El Salvador	31 December 1995	1
San Marino 3/	17 January 1997	1
Niger	6 June 1997	
Argentina	7 November 1997	

FOURTH PERIODIC REPORTS

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Panama 4/	6 June 1993	6
Madagascar 4/	3 August 1993	6
Yugoslavia	3 August 1993	6
Dominican Republic	3 April 1994	5
Syrian Arab Republic 3/ 4/	18 August 1994	4
Trinidad and Tobago	20 March 1995	3
Mongolia	4 April 1995	3
Gambia 3/ 4/	21 June 1995	2
Costa Rica	2 August 1995	2
Hungary	2 August 1995	2
Suriname 3/ 4/	2 August 1995	2
Venezuela	1 November 1995	2
El Salvador	28 February 1996	2
Barbados	11 April 1996	1
Kenya	11 April 1996	1
Mali	11 April 1996	1
United Republic of Tanzania	11 April 1996	-
Nicaragua 3/	11 June 1996	1
Portugal	1 August 1996	1
Sri Lanka	10 September 1996	1
Jordan	22 January 1997	1
Guyana 3/ 4/	10 April 1997	-
Central African Republic	7 August 1997	
Iceland	30 October 1997	

States parties whose reports are to be submitted between the closing date of the Committee's sixty-first session (7 November 1997) and the closing date of its sixty-second session (9 April 1998)

Initial reports

State party	Date due
Thailand	28 January 1998

Second periodic reports

State party	Date due
Israel 1/	2 January 1998
Albania 1/	3 January 1998
Estonia 1/	20 January 1998
Angola 1/	9 April 1998

Third periodic reports

State party	Date due
Philippines	22 January 1998

Fourth periodic reports

State party	Date due
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 2/ 3/	8 February 1998
Austria	9 April 1998
Peru	9 April 1998

Fifth periodic reports

State party	Date due
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya 5/	4 February 1998
Tunisia	4 February 1998
Iran (Islamic Republic of) 4/	21 March 1998
Lebanon 4/	21 March 1998
Uruguay	21 March 1998

5. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the sixty-second session, prepared in consultation with the Chairperson and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Cyprus	CCPR/C/94/Add.1	Third	Tuesday	24 March
Zimbabwe	CCPR/C/74/Add.3	Initial	Wednesday	25 March
Uruguay	CCPR/C/95/Add.9	Fourth	Friday	27 March
Ecuador	CCPR/C/84/Add.6	Fourth	Monday	30 March
Israel 6/		Initial	Wednesday	1 April

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its sixty-second session.

6. General comments of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee will consider any draft general comment that may be put before it by its pre-sessional working group on article 40.

7. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

One hundred and forty communications are pending before the Committee from earlier sessions. Taking into account the deadlines established by the Committee for submission of further information from the parties, 44 cases (earlier declared admissible) may be considered for the adoption of final views and 96 cases may be considered for a decision on admissibility. In addition, the Committee will have before it summaries of a number of recently registered communications and summaries of new communications registered after its last session, together with an indication of any action which may have been taken by the Special Rapporteur for new communications.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the Committee's rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

8. Follow-up on views adopted pursuant to article 5, paragraph 4, of the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

Under this item, the Committee will assess the status of follow-up activities under the Optional Protocol and examine periodic reports submitted by the Special Rapporteur for the follow-up on views.

9. Future meetings of the Committee

The Committee may wish to take decisions under this item on the schedule of its meetings to be held in 1999.

Notes

1/ The Committee has requested the Government to submit a special report for discussion by the Committee.

2/ The State party's initial report has not yet been received.

3/ The State party's second periodic report has not yet been received.

4/ The State party's third periodic report has not yet been received.

5/ The State party's fourth periodic report has not yet been received.

6/ Once received, the report will be issued as document CCPR/C/81/Add.11.